Shuster Announces Defense Projects for the 9th District

Washington, DC –**Congressman Bill Shuster**, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, is pleased to announce that he secured $7.8 million in projects across the 9th district in the House passed Defense Appropriations Bill.

"I am pleased to have secured six worthy projects that will improve our military's infrastructure and help protect our national security," Shuster said.

"Many of these programs are directed at military use today, but in the future they could easily find themselves in commercial applications. The technology created here in the 9th district will benefit the Department of Defense, our warfighters and create jobs at home."

The projects Shuster secured funding for include:

$2 million for voice recognition interface systems (Bedford County)
The funding for this project will go towards adding and integrating new voice recognition systems into the military's existing inventory of command and control systems.

$800,000 for a Logistics Integration Environment program (Blair County)
Funding for this project will enable the Air Force to better integrate its logistics systems to keep track of parts and equipment for aircraft and their associated subsystems.

$1.6 million for Saint Francis University's nurse education program (Cambria County)
The funding in this project will be directed at attracting Army medics to begin or to complete their academic course loads so that they can become accredited nurses outside of the military. The project will develop an online Bachelor of Science curriculum that will encourage and allow Army medics to complete their formal training.

$1.6 million for rural health (CERMUSA) (Cambria County)
Funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to continue the St. Francis University Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under- Served Areas (CERMUSA) national test bed for research in tele-health, distance learning, tele-rehabilitation, and associated technologies.

$800,000: Defense Support for Civil Authorities for Key Resource Protection Program (Franklin County)
Funding for this project would used for research, development, testing, and evaluation of an Enterprise Geographic Information System to bring strategic assets in Franklin County under the umbrella of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

$1 million for cadmium emissions reduction research at the Letterkenny Army Depot (Franklin County)
The funding in this project will be used to assist the Letterkenny Army Depot in researching how best to reduce cadmium levels in waste water. This research is important, given Letterkenny's mission to maintain, refit and store materials that contain hazardous materials.

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